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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOTING RIGHTS OF CERTAIN
SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD PERSONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-431 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) No person shall be permitted to vote at a primary of a party
4 unless (1) he is on the last-completed enrollment list of such party in
5 the municipality or voting district, as the case may be, or (2) if
6 authorized by the state rules of such party filed pursuant to section 9-
7 374, he is an unaffiliated elector in the municipality or voting district,
8 as the case may be, provided if two or more such parties are holding
9 primaries on the same day in such municipality or voting district,
10 whether for the same offices or different offices, such unaffiliated
11 elector may vote in the primary of only one such party. Such state
12 party rules may authorize unaffiliated electors to vote for some or all
13 offices to be contested at its primaries.

14 (b) Any such person offering to vote and being challenged as to his
15 identity or residence shall, before he votes, prove by the testimony,

16 under oath, of at least one other elector qualified to vote in such
 17 primary or by such other evidence acceptable to the moderator either
 18 of the following which are applicable: (1) His identity with the person
 19 on whose name he offers to vote or (2) his bona fide residence in the
 20 municipality or political subdivision holding the primary, as the case
 21 may be. The rules of each party in each municipality shall prescribe
 22 whether members of the town committee shall be elected from the
 23 municipality at large, in which case any person on the last-completed
 24 enrollment list of such party in such municipality shall be eligible to
 25 vote in a primary for the election of such committee members, or
 26 whether such committee members shall be elected from political
 27 subdivisions of such municipality, in which case only persons on the
 28 last-completed list of such party in such a political subdivision shall be
 29 eligible to vote in a primary for the election of such committee
 30 members from such political subdivision; provided no town committee
 31 in any municipality shall be elected both at large and from political
 32 subdivisions.

33 (c) Any citizen who has not yet attained the age of eighteen years
 34 but who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or before the
 35 day of a regular election, and who: (1) Is otherwise qualified to be an
 36 elector, and (2) has applied for admission as an elector, may vote at a
 37 primary of a party held for such regular election pursuant to
 38 subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	9-431

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GAE *Joint Favorable*

APP *Joint Favorable*